

when her maid left her for the night. A drop light had been installed near her bed and to this, drop light was attached a tube connecting it with a gasjet on the wall.

"When she turned out the light she used a thumb screw at the base of the lamp instead of disconnecting the gas at the fixture in the wall. Mrs. Burden had left orders with the maid to serve breakfast in her apartment at 10 o'clock this morning. The maid called a few minutes before that time and receiving no response opened the door. She went to Mrs. Burden's bedside and found that she was dead. Then she notified the other members of the household. Mrs. Burden's pet dog, a Pomeranian, was in the room. When the maid entered she saw the dog at the window seat. The window was partly dropped at the top and the dog seemed to be in perfect condition. There is no doubt that Mrs. Burden's death was due to gas poisoning. No arrangements have yet been made for the funeral."

Police Headquarters did not get word of the death of Mrs. Burden until late in the afternoon, and Commissioner Bingham wanted to know why. He learned that the East Sixty-seventh street police had notified Headquarters immediately after they had received word from Coroner Shady. The coroner said he told the East Sixty-seventh street police as soon as he had finished his inquiries. Detective Winters of the East Sixty-seventh street station went to the Burden house and made a formal investigation, but with Mrs. Burden's report indicated no mystery about the case his inquiries were perfunctory.

Mrs. Williams P. Burden was one of the most beautiful young women in New York society. As Miss Natica Rives she was for several years an acknowledged belle. She was the daughter of O. H. P. Belmont, when her mother married Mr. Belmont. She was formerly a member of the Knickerbocker Trust Company, she took the name of her mother's second husband.

She had been married only a little more than a year, her marriage to Williams P. Burden having taken place on April 17 of last year in Grace Church, Bishop Potter and the Rev. Dr. William R. Huntington officiating. The wedding was one of the year's most brilliant. Mrs. Burden's society took most interest, although owing to the fact that the bridegroom was in mourning the list of invited guests was comparatively small. Mrs. Evelyn Parsons was the bride's only attendant, the ushers being William Spencer, Robert L. Gerry, Ernest Iselin, E. Townsend, Jr., Henry D. Havemeyer, Jr., and William Woodward. Mr. Burden's best man was his brother, Arthur Scott Burden. Among the guests who attended the wedding were Dr. Knickerbocker, who was summoned so hurriedly yesterday when Mrs. Burden's death was discovered.

Mrs. Burden was not only one of the most beautiful women in New York society, but one of the most vivacious as well. She was of dark complexion and of medium height, and had a smile that was the result of her engagement to Mr. Burden. The gossip of society spent much time in speculating as to the ultimate disposition of her hand. She was a great favorite with Mrs. Evelyn Parsons, who was her godmother. Her husband is the son of Mrs. James Abernethy Burden. He is a member of the Knickerbocker Club, the Racquet Club, the Polo Club, the Brook and other clubs, and was graduated from Harvard in the class of 1899. He is a blond giant, standing some two inches over six feet. He was one of the best football players Harvard ever had and in 1899 captained the Harvard eleven. His brother, Arthur Scott Burden, is the husband of the former Cynthia Rives. Mrs. Burden, with her two sons and their wives, lived in the house where Mrs. W. P. Burden died.

Not long before Miss Natica Rives's engagement to Mr. Burden was announced her health broke down and she spent some time under treatment for a nervous disorder. At about the same time it was said that she had been much annoyed by some anonymous letters, supposed to have been written by a former member of her household.

THREATENED TO BURN BOAT.

Later Fire on Barge Rangely Destroyed the Cargo of Hay.

The fireboat David A. Boody was called on last night to put out a fire on the barge Rangely, owned by Hiram Snyder of 261 Broadway and chartered by the Pennsylvania Railroad to carry a load of hay, grain and lime to the foot of East Forty-ninth street for Swift & Company.

The Rangely is in command of Capt. Thomas Hughes. Two captains and a barge men have been much annoyed of late by gangs of thieves who steal rope and any loose articles from the boats. Shortly after the Rangely was tied up the guide line was stolen and Capt. Hughes made up his mind to go to the foot of East Forty-ninth street and look for the thieves. Later in the day a man appeared on the dock and yelled to Capt. Hughes that if he reported the case to the police his boat would be burned.

At 9:30 o'clock last night while the captain and his wife were putting the children to bed he smelled smoke and on investigation found the hay burning fiercely. An alarm was turned in by Miss Lucy Callin, who lives at 2 Prospect place, and who also helped rescue the children.

Battalion Chief Kane answered with three engines and the fire was overcome after the cargo had been ruined. The loss was placed at \$6,000.

The police have determined to try to catch the man who pawned the rope, as one of the captain's children saw the man and says she can identify him.

EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY BILLS.

Plan to Pigeonhole La Follette's in Favor of Knox's in Committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—An effort was made in the Senate Committee on Education and Labor to-day to secure a change of reference of the La Follette employers' liability bill from that committee to the Committee on the Judiciary. It was a part of the general rivalry between the friends of Senator La Follette's bill and the advocates of the bill introduced by Senator Knox of Pennsylvania. The motion to change the reference of the La Follette bill to the Judiciary Committee, of which Senator Knox is a member, failed, only two Senators on the committee voting for it. Brandegee of Connecticut and Flint of California voted for the change, but the majority of the committee is backed by the labor lobby, headed by H. R. Fuller, legislative representative of the railroad brotherhoods.

A sub-committee of the Committee on the Judiciary agreed to-day to report the Knox bill favorably. If the La Follette bill had been referred to the Judiciary Committee the plan was to report the Knox bill as a substitute for it, and knowing this Senator La Follette's friends successfully resisted the effort to change the reference, now they expect that a favorable report will be made on the bill so that two employers' liability bills will shortly be before the Senate, each favorably reported from a committee. The contest will be fought out on the floor of the Senate.

Torpedo Flotilla Again Goes to Sea.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 21.—The torpedo boats Porter, De Long, Blakely, Tingey and Thornton, comprising the third torpedo flotilla, which were forced to abandon their voyage to Charleston on account of a severe gale encountered northeast of Cape Hatteras, and which returned to Hampton Roads yesterday, again ventured to sea this afternoon, passing out of Cape Henry at 5 o'clock. They were accompanied on this trip by the tender Scorpion from the Norfolk Navy Yard.

Elected on the 15th Ballot.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Feb. 21.—Thomas Beatty, ex-chief of the Long Branch Fire Department and a Democrat, was elected president of the City Council to-night by a unanimous vote. The Council has been deadlocked since January 1. Six meetings were held and 158 ballots taken.

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BROTHERHOOD MEN HEAR SO FROM HEAD OF ROAD.

Likelihood That Same Policy Will Apply on Other Eastern Lines With Regard to Wage Scale—Plans to Resist Reduction in Discussed by Employees.

The committee of nineteen, representing the railroad brotherhoods throughout New York State, yesterday continued the session begun here Thursday to consider the report that the railroads were considering cutting wages. In the afternoon it was announced that President William H. Newman of the New York Central had assured the men that the present wages could be continued and that this policy would apply to all the Vanderbilt lines. It was said that the indications were that the Central's policy will be followed by the other Eastern railroads.

D. L. Carse, editor of the official organ of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and a national officer of the union, left the city yesterday after talking with members of the committee of nineteen. He said he believed there was no danger of a wage reduction now. The railroad brotherhoods have been in cooperation for some time in the matter of not agreeing to wage reductions.

Grand Chief Warren S. Stone of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the heads of the other railroad brotherhoods are expected in this city in a few days to be ready in case they are needed. The heads of the brotherhoods are usually called in if it is necessary to appear at a conference with the employers as the counsel for the men.

John Morey, chairman of the State legislative committee of the trainmen, said: "I believe the other companies will allow the present wages to continue. We appreciate the stand taken by the New York Central officials and sympathize with them because they were put to the expense of \$200,000 in collecting data for the Public Service Commission."

LEWISBURG, Feb. 21.—Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, today made the following statement in regard to the intention of certain railway companies to order a general reduction in wages:

"The threatened reduction of the wages of employees in the train service is absolutely unjustified from any point of view. Their pay is on the mileage basis and they are paid only when services are rendered. The incomes of employees in train service fall with the shrinkage in business. The railroads are getting the same return in freight receipts for the service rendered as they did when the business was good, and there is no consistency in asking men to accept wage reductions that result from the present shrinkage."

RAILROAD MEN IN WASHINGTON.

Will Confer Concerning Wage Reduction and the Nine Hour Law.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Washington is crowded with railroad men just now, some of whom are here to confer with the authorities concerning the President's order directing the Interstate Commerce Commission to inquire into the causes for the action of certain roads in reducing the wages of their employees, and others to appear before the commission relative to the law prohibiting the employment of railroad telegraphers more than nine hours in a twenty-four hour period. Among those who are here is Charles S. Mellen, president of the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad Company. Mr. Mellen also conferred with members of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

In reply to questions President Mellen said that Northern roads had little or no interest in the executive order bearing on the wages of employees, inasmuch as none of them had any intention at this time to curtail expenses in this direction. He declined to state the object of his call at the White House, but it was understood that he came at the request of President Roosevelt, who desired his advice on certain measures. Mr. Mellen is also said to have talked with Senators about the employers' liability bills.

No announcement has yet been made at the Interstate Commerce Commission as to the form of the inquiry that will be made into the causes for the proposed reduction of wages by railroads. The belief prevails here that the commission will be able to enlighten the President with information already at hand in the shape of annual reports of the roads affected.

According to unofficial information here the only roads that have given notice of an intention to reduce wages are the Southern, the Atlantic Coast Line, the Seaboard Air Line and the Louisville and Nashville.

MAY CUT WAGES DESPITE JUDGE.

Seaboard Officials Will Declare Retrenchment Imperative.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 21.—The fact that Judge Pritchard has told the receivers of the Seaboard Air Line that he will oppose any reduction in wages will not prevent the reduction, if a way can be found to circumvent the wishes of the Judge.

Receivers Williams and Warfield, appointed by Judge Pritchard, and Executive Officer Garrett of the road will meet here next Monday, when the reduction will be considered. The disapproval of the Judge will also be taken into consideration. An answer to the Judge to be delivered when the receivers and the executive officer meet him at Richmond, will be formulated at the meeting. The necessity for a reduction will be strongly urged.

REENTER THE LADY SABRINA

AMHERST EVENS SALUTE HER; THE ODDS BOO.

Dinner of Massachusetts Institute Made Lively by the Presence of the Beauty of the Even-Numbered Classes—Prize Harris Gives Statistics of Prosperity.

Whenever the alumni of Amherst College get together to celebrate the excellent judgment displayed by Lord, Geoffrey Amherst in selecting their college to be named after the old welkin gets wallowed good and plenty. They are a sedate bunch as a general thing, but when the annual dinner comes along and the chaste draped statue of the Widow is carried in and class fellows to class over the gleaming candles they just naturally let up from the old boys like Judge William H. Moore of the Rock Island to youthlings of the graduating class who are tickling their tender insides for the first time with laugh water.

At the Waldorf-Astoria last night the Amherst grads let out steam which had been accumulating for a full year in staid and solemn directors' rooms. Judges' chambers editorial sanctuaries, lecture rooms and offices. There were 300 of them that sat down to dinner, class foregatherings with class as is their custom. The oldest man there, John H. Washburn, hailed back to '49, and there was none to raise the old class cheer with him, so he had to sit with fellows who were mere babes when he was soaking up culture up on the hilltop. The youngest were Billy Tracy and C. E. Merrill, who hatched chicks, so to speak, not officially, since they sat under the banner of 1908.

When the bombardment of cheers started from table to table two members of the class of '94, the class which rescued the widow Sabrina from the obscurity and ignominy to which that fair maid of bronze was consigned by a cold and unsympathetic faculty, and which has been her honorary guardian ever since, carried a chaste draped statue of the widow Sabrina, instantly the even classes jumped to their feet and yelled with proper pride, because Sabrina is their deity, the incarnation of a good woman's influence; and many a nose has been bloodied and eye blacked in the defense of her from the slurs and the revilements of the odd classes. But the sneering odds sat tight at table, booing, groaning and growling, man whispering to man across the long tops of the banquet hall.

The widow Sabrina which reflected sadly upon her fair name. Above the crash of cheering and the rumble of groans rose the song which is called "The Song of Sabrina."

All hail, Sabrina dear. The widow of each passing year. Long may she ever be.

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Senator Tillman's Resolution Adopted by the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Senator Tillman's resolution directing the Attorney-General to take steps in the courts looking to the forfeiture of the grants of public lands to the Oregon and California Railroad, a branch of the Southern Pacific, passed to-day without a dissenting vote. Mr. Tillman introduced the resolution as the result of information he gained while on a speaking tour in the West.

Senator Fulton of Oregon confirmed the charges made on the floor of the Senate against Mr. Harriman's road that it had persistently violated the statute by which it had received the grants of valuable lands in the State of Oregon by failing to comply with the conditions imposed. The attorney-general has accepted the resolution of the Judiciary Committee the failure to comply with the law.

Two plans for working a forfeiture were open to the Government, one by act of Congress and the other in the courts. The latter plan was adopted by Congress. Attorney-General Bonaparte has collected a lot of evidence bearing upon the matter and is ready to proceed, but he desired the authority from Congress before taking the step.

Movements of Naval Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The gunboats Yorktown and Buffalo, the cruiser Denver and the torpedo boats Porter, Blakely, De Long, Thornton and Tingey have arrived at Norfolk; the cruisers West Virginia, Maryland, Tennessee and Washington at San Francisco; the battleships Connecticut, Kansas, Vermont, Louisiana, Georgia, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Virginia, Minnesota, Oregon, Missouri, Maine, Alabama, Illinois, Kearsarge and Kentucky at Callao.

The gunboat Paducah has sailed from Norfolk for Guantanamo, Cuba, and the gunboat Cavite for Hongkong and the gunboat Buffalo from San Francisco for Magdalena Bay.

Lloyd Resigns as Democratic "Whip" of the House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Representative Lloyd of Missouri to-day tendered to Minority Leader Williams his resignation as Democratic "whip" of the House in order to devote all of his spare time to the work of the Democratic Congressional committee, of which he was recently chosen chairman. Mr. Williams has accepted the resignation but has not named Mr. Lloyd's successor.

May Report the Fowler Bill Next Week.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The House Committee on Banking and Currency to-day considered the Fowler currency bill in executive session. The committee is going over the measure section by section, and it is probable that an agreement will be reached to report the bill, doubtless with some amendments, some time next week.

Costa Rica Ratifies Peace Treaties.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Secretary of State Root received a despatch to-day from Mr. Merry, American Minister to Costa Rica, saying that that Government had ratified all the conventions recently negotiated with the Central American Peace Conference held in this city. Costa Rica is second of the Central American republics to ratify the conventions, Nicaragua having ratified the treaties several days ago.

Accident Makes Twenty Orphans.

WILKESBARRE, Feb. 21.—Twenty children were made orphans to-night by the killing in the Glen Lyon colliery of Edwin Wright and George Scherrer. They were working at the bottom of a slope when a loaded car broke loose and dashed down upon them. Wright had twelve children and Scherrer eight daughters.

UNITE TO FIGHT PROHIBITION.

Brewers and Malsters' Associations Pledge a Big War Fund.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—The United States Brewers Association and the United States Malsters Association have united in a common warfare against prohibition and temperance movements. They have placed \$25,000 of the proceeds of a sale of bonds with which to fight Sunday saloon closing and to stop the wave of prohibition. This action was taken last night at a session of the executive officers of both organizations.

Edward A. Ford of St. Louis, vice-president of the Amherst-Brewing Company, reviewed the movement of the prohibitionists through the Southern and Western States, and asserted the time had come for action on the part of liquor interests.

There should be some movement started whereby the public will be given the facts regarding the manufacture and sale of liquors, he said. "The revenues from such sources are a great saving to the taxpayers. The New York State and the Federal Government are not to appreciate the strength of our interests and how they benefit the public in revenues." Brewers from all over the country attended the meeting.

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